

REMARKS

A substitute specification is submitted herewith in clean as well as in marked-up form as per 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b). The substitute specification amends the specification to correct typographical errors in the specification as filed and to provide consistent reference numbers when directing to the same part. No new matter has been added.

Applicant elects the invention defined by claims 1-8 (Examiner's Group 1). Accordingly, claims 9-31 have been canceled.

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Of these, claim 1 is an independent apparatus claim.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Cruise et al. U.S. 6,371,975 (the '975 Patent). Applicant has claimed priority through Application Serial 09/283,535 (the parent case), now U.S. 6,458,147, to U.S. Patent Application 09/188,083 (the grandparent case), now the '975 Patent. Applicant's claim of priority therefore eliminates the '975 Patent as prior art as to the instant application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowance of claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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